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20A to framer 34B or framer 34C in one of the other features cards 46B or 46C, respectively. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- Another advantage of the FTDR 12 is that more functional elements in different cards can be used to provide redundancy for faults in any other card. For example, in an alternative configuration, feature card 46B is not a standby card coupled to CT3 line 17 but an active feature card connected to a separate CT3 line 37. If the subsystem 35 in feature card 46A fails, calls on T3 line 17 can be reconnected by DCCS 32A through DS1 I/O line 33A to DCCS 32B. Redundant framer and modem modules in the feature card 46B subsystem can then be used to convert the DS1 data stream from line 17 into digital packets. Feature cards that normally operate independently can now provide additional redundancy for other feature cards. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 33, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- The DCCS's 32A-32C are typically implemented using field programmable gate arrays (FPGA's). The DCCS's 32A-32C provide a 3-way switch matrix function. The DCCS 32C cross-connects the framer 34C or redundant framer 34F to each one of six LIU's 20C on the same feature card 46C. In a second configuration, the DCCS 32C cross-connects the two framers 34C and 34F to the DS1 I/O lines 33C. In a third configuration, the DCCS 32C cross-connects the six LIU's 20C to the DS1 I/O lines 33C. --

In the Claims

Prior to examination, please amend the claims to read as follows:

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1. A network processing system, comprising:
a primary line interface unit configured to interface with communication lines;
a primary processing subsystem configured to process data received over the communication lines; and